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SUBJECT: DUTCH CABINET REASSESES AID TO CUBA

1. THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT MAY HALT ITS AID TO CUBA IN
1979. HDURING THE GENERAL POLITICAL DEBATES IN THE
FIRST CHAMBER ON FEBRUARY 15, PRIME MINISTER VAN AGT
SAID HIS CABINET WAS CLOSELY WATCHING CUBA'S ACTIONS
IN AFRICA. THIS YEAR'S AID COMMITMENT TO CUBA OF
15 MILLION GUILDERS (ONE DOLLAR NOW EQUALS 2.24 GUILDERS)
WILL BE HONORED, ACCORDING TO VAN AGT, BUT A DEFINITE
DECISION WHETHER TO CONTINUE AID NEXT YEAR WILL
BE TAKEN BEFORE THE NEXT BUDGET IS PRESENTED IN SEPTEMBER.
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2. VAN AGT'S STAND REFLECTS THE MAJORITY OPINION OF
HIS CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY THAT AID TO CUBA SHOULD BE
STOPPED NEXT YEAR BECAUSE CUBA IS NO LONGER ONE OF
THE POOREST COUNTRIES AND BECAUSE IT IS INTERFERING IN
AFRICA. THE OTHER COALITION PARTY, THE LIBERAL PARTY,
WANTED TO STOP AID TO CUBA IMMEDIATELY BUT HAS ACCEPTED

THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY.

3. FORMER DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION MINISTER, PRONK,
PRESENTLY A SECOND CHAMBER MEMBER OF THE OPPOSITION
LABOR PARTY, TOLD THE CHAMBER ON FEBRUARY 15 HE IS IN
FAVOR OF CONTINUING TO ASSIST CUBA.

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